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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

### 1. ISRAELI VIEWS ON SYRIAN ROLE IN LEBANON

AN ISRAELI MFA OFFICIAL HAS TOLD EMBASSY TEL AVIV THAT SYRIA'S LONG TERM GOAL IN LEBANON MAY BE ACTIVE MILITARY INTERVENTION. THE OFFICIAL SAID:

--SYRIA IS PRESENTLY CONTENT WITH THE GROWING IMPORTANCE OF SYRIAN OFFICIALS TO LEBANESE STABILITY.

--AS SHORT TERM PAYMENT FOR ITS DIPLOMATIC ASSISTANCE, SYRIA SEEKS LEBANESE SUPPORT ON INTRA-ARAB ISSUES.

--IN THE LONGER RUN, SYRIA WOULD LIKE TO SEE LEBANON PLAY A MORE ACTIVE ROLE AS A CONFRONTATION STATE, ULTIMATELY LEADING TO THE STATIONING OF SYRIAN TROOPS IN SOUTHERN LEBANON.

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THE OFFICIAL ALSO NOTED THAT SUCH MILITARY INTERVENTION WAS

PROBABLY NOT IMMINENT BOTH BECAUSE OF SYRIA'S RELUCTANCE TO GET INVOLVED WITH FINDING A POLITICAL SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM AND BECAUSE OF SYRIAN MILITARY PREOCCUPATION ON "OTHER FRONTS." (CONFIDENTIAL) TEL AVIV 6095, 9/25.

2. UNGA

A. PUERTO RICO ISSUE LOSES STEAM

USUN REPORTS THAT CUBA IS UNLIKELY TO ATTEMPT TO INSCRIBE A PUERTO RICO ITEM ON THE UNGA AGENDA. PREDICTING THAT A VOTE ON A DAMAGING PUERTO RICO ISSUE WOULD GO ABOUT TWO TO ONE IN OUR FAVOR, THE MISSION ANTICIPATES THAT THE CUBANS WILL LIMIT THEMSELVES TO A PRO FORMA DISCUSSION OF PUERTO RICO UNDER SOME ITEM ALREADY ON THE AGENDA.

B. MAKARIOS VISIT

EMBASSY NICOSIA REPORTS THAT RECENT PUBLIC STATEMENTS BY MAKARIOS GIVE A GOOD INDICATION OF THE SUBJECTS HE IS LIKELY TO STRESS WHILE IN THE US. THE EMBASSY EXPECTS HIM TO:

--EMPHASIZE TURKEY'S AGGRESSION AGAINST CYPRUS, AND ITS FLOUTING OF UN PRINCIPLES AND RESOLUTIONS;

--CAPITALIZE ON DENKTASH'S UDI THREATS;

--STRESS PUBLIC RELATIONS THEMES OF HIGH VALUE IN GREEK CYPRUS, PARTICULARLY THE HUMANITARIAN PROBLEMS OF REFUGEES AND MISSING PERSONS.

MAKARIOS HAS PREPARED THE GREEK CYPRIOT PUBLIC FOR THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE UNGA DEBATE WOULD RESULT IN NO SIGNIFICANT MOVEMENT ON THE CYPRUS PROBLEM, AND WARNED THAT TURKEY WILL NOT CONFORM TO UN RESOLUTIONS UNLESS "PRACTICAL MEASURES" ARE TAKEN AGAINST IT. (CONFIDENTIAL) USUN 4504 AND (CONFIDENTIAL) NICOSIA 2871, 9/25.) KISSINGER

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